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November Meeting

The Monday, November 19th meeting of the Jacksonville Shell Club will be held at the Southeast Branch Public Library at 7:00 PM (three days earlier than usual due to the Thanksgiving holiday).

Charlottle Lloyd will present a program based on the shelling expedition she just made to coastal Venezuela. Along with the first glimpse of this part of the world for most of us, we can expect the lively narrative and captivating visuals which are characteristic of any talk given by Char.

The Shell-of-the-Month will be *Ruditapes philippinarum* (A. Adams and Reeve, 1850) presented by Pam Rice, who collected a large number of shells of this variable and attractive bivalve while she was billeted in southern Japan. Pam will also give us an idea of the difficulties she encountered curating this fine lot of shells.

December Christmas Party

The traditional Christmas party will take the place of the December meeting.

The party will be hosted by Judy and Chris Blocker on Saturday, December 15th at 6:30 PM (**see map on page 3**). Participants are asked, as has been our custom, to bring an offering of heavy hors d'oeuvres and a gift for a sheller of the same gender (about \$10.00 value is suggested). The latter will be distributed by the "Chinese Auction" technique we've put to use at the last few of these annual events. BYOB; mixes and other accoutrements will be provided by our hosts, to whom we offer thanks in advance.

Coordinate with Judy (Phone 246-4012 or E-mail Ping603@cs.com) in regards to which side dish, etc., you plan to bring.

Club Field Trip To Panacea/Carrabelle/Apalachicola

By Bill Lyerly

On Friday, October 5th, Betsy and I met Claire Newsom and Barbara Moon at the intersection of I-10 and Lane Ave., for a caravan trip to Panacea in the Florida Panhandle. In Panacea, we joined up with Selma and Andy Hutchison at the Oaks Motel. After checking in, we left for the known and unknown scallop dumps.

The first stop was at the scallop boat docks in Carrabelle, for picking around the parking lots and driveways. Selma learned of a new dump, which we immediately headed to, which happened to be not too far from the old original dump. (Shells found at all the dumps are listed below.)

After picking this dump ?clean,? we went to Apalachicola and, after checking with Buddy Ward, started to his dump. On the way, we went by the dump at the shrimp boat basin. It still looks the way I remember it from several years ago, no bigger, no smaller, just a lot of shells. On to Buddy Ward's. Not much change there either. The selection of shells at all the dumps was good, but not as plentiful as previous years.

By this time, it was dinnertime and we went back to Carrabelle and dinner at Julia Mae's. Not much change there either, still an excellent place to eat. **(continued on page two.)**



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The club meets each month, excluding December, at the Southeast Branch Public Library, 10599 Deerwood Park Boulevard, Jacksonville Florida. Please address any correspondence to the club's address shown above.

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Upcoming Event

****Jan. 18-20 - Space Coast Shell Festival**, Melbourne, FL at The Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd. Contact Jim & Bobbi Cordy, 385 Needle Blvd., Merritt Is., FL 32953, E-mail: cordy@yourlink.net or Phone (321) 452-5736

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Don't Forget Your Membership Dues!

Jacksonville Shell Club membership dues for fiscal year 2002 were due for most club members on September 1st.

You can determine when your membership expires (or expired) by checking the numerical entry that appears before your name on your newsletter mailing label. An entry of "8/01" would indicate that your membership expired on the last day of August, 2001.

If you are in arrears, mail your check to the Club Treasurer, Teresa St. John, whose address appears on this page.

Meeting Notes

At the October 25th regular meeting of the Jacksonville Shell Club, the membership unanimously approved the following slate of officers/board of directors for the 2001-2002 fiscal year which were:

President - Claire Newsome
1st Vice-President - Harry Lee
Secretary - Carol Rishel
Treasurer - Teresa St. John
Past President - Charlotte Lloyd
Board Members:

- Pam Rice
 - Billie Brown
 - Gertrude Moller
 - Joe Sasser
 - Bill Lyerly
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Field Trip (continued from page 1.)

On Saturday morning we were joined at the Oaks by Mary Reynolds. Tide was falling so we went to Alligator Point for sand dollars. Other than sand dollars, augers were also plentiful. Andy found a beautiful double giant Atlantic Giant Cockle. After some discussion, it was decided to go back to Buddy

Ward's dump Saturday afternoon. While digging in the dump, a large dump truck came up the road and we thought sure he was there to dump. No, he was there to load. The holes he made loading scallops left areas that had not been picked over. Even with this added help, we did not find any Junonias at this or any other dump.

Shells that were found in the dumps were tulips (true and banded), cones, Florida Fighting Conchs, nutmegs, Apple Murex, olives, slipper shells, Pear Welks, Lighting Welks, Sunray Venus, venus clams, Common Sundials, Scotch Bonnets, Shark Eyes, *Distorsio* and jewel boxes.

After this stop, we headed back to Carrabelle, with Claire, Barbara and Mary, stopping in Apalachicola for shopping. We had dinner at Antonio's in Carrabelle, where plans were made to go by Hagens Cove, near Steinhatchee, for more shelling. Selma and Andy had been there previously and found Crown Conchs. Mary did not stay the night, but headed back to her brother's in Tallahassee.

When we arrived at Hagens Cove, the tide was extremely low and Crown Conchs were abundant, the majority of which were less than two inches in length. Periwinkles were plentiful and some live welks and tulips. One area at Hagens Cove is similar to the mud flats at Cedar Key but further down the exposed area is sandy. Shells were found on both mud and sand. This is a great place for a future field trip.

After everyone got the shells he or she wanted, we sat around the picnic table for cokes and snacks and then headed home. Selma and Andy back to St Augustine, Claire, Barbara, Betsy and I back to Jacksonville.

This was Claire and Barbara's first shelling field trip, and they really got initiated, particularly in the distances we drove each day. All in all, I think everyone had a great time – wish you all could have been there.

Map To Judy & Chris Blockers Home

2109 Beach Avenue, Atlantic Beach, FL

